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SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA RECEIVES MESSAGES FROM
IMPRISONED SOUTH KOREAN BISHOP

BEGIN SUMMARY: ARCHBISHOP SIN HAS RECEIVED THREE
MESSAGES FROM IMPRISONED SOUTH KOREAN BISHOP DANIEL
TJI. A "MESSAGE FROM THE PRISON CELL" DIRECTS SPECIAL
THANKS TO ARCHBISHOP KOENIG OF VIENNA, ARCHBISHOP
SHIRAYANGI OF TOKYO, AND SIN. THE OTHER MESSAGES ARE
A LETTER TO THE POPE AND A "DECLARATION OF CONCERN
OVER THE PRESENT SITUATION IN KOREA". THE ARCHBISHOP
IS MAKING COPIES AVAILABLE TO ALL BISHOPS, RELIGIOUS
SUPERIORS, AND "FOREIGN PRESS" IN THE PHILIPPINES.
END SUMMARY.

1. ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA JAIME L. SIN HAS MADE AVAILABLE
TO THE EMBASSY COPIES OF THREE MESSAGES SENT TO HIM BY
THE IMPRISONED SOUTH KOREAN CLERGYMAN, DANIEL TJI
HAKSUN, BISHOP OF WONJU DIOCESE. THE FIRST MESSAGE IS
IN THE FORM OF AN OPEN LETTER ENTITLED "MESSAGE FROM THE
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PRISON CELL", DATED LINE SEODAEMUM PRISON, SEOUL,

SEPTEMBER OF 1974. TJI THANKS ALL THOSE "FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE COUNTRY" WHO UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED HIS CONVICTIONS AND CLAIMS. SPECIAL GRATITUDE IS DIRECTED TOWARDS ARCHBISHOP LIENIG OF VIENNA, ARCHBISHOP SHIRAYANAGI OF TOKYO, AND ARCHBISHOP SINM SIN IS THANKED FOR HAVING "DEMANDED THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE FORTHWITH THOSE CLERGYMEN AND MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE IMPRISONED FOR HAVING WITNESSED, BY THEIR ACTS, CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE."

2. THE SECOND MESSAGE IS A LETTER TO POPE PAUL VI, SAME DATELINE AS THE FIRST. TJI SPEAKS OF THE "TRUMPED-UP CHARGES" OF INSTIGATING REBELLION AND VIOLATION OF THE EMERGENCY DECREES, AND THE DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE THAT HE MADE FOR THE SAKE OF "REVIVING THE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL." HE ALSO WARNS: "SHOULD ANY EXPRESSION EVER COME TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO ME, CONTRADICTING THE DECLARATION ALREADY GIVEN OF MY CONSCIENCE, IT WILL HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY COERCION AND NOT BY FREE WILL."

3. THE LAST MESSAGE IS ENTITLED "DECLARATION OF CONCERN OVER THE PRESENT SITUATION IN KOREA", AND IS SIGNED "NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS TO BRING ABOUT JUSTICE." IT TAKES THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO TASK FOR "DECEIVING AND MISGUIDING THE PEOPLE" WITH RESPECT TO A NUMBER OF LISTED ABUSES OF POWER. COMPLETE TEXTS OF THREE MESSAGES BY AIRGRAM.

COMMENT. IN EXPRESSING HIS THANKS TO SIN, TJI IS PROBABLY REFERRING TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S STRONG AND BOLD ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE GOP'S ILL-TIMED AND ILL-CONCEIVED RAID ON THE JESUITS' NOVALICHES NOVITIATE LAST AUGUST (MANILA A-293, DEPARTMENT ONLY). THE MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED BY SIN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 6. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE EMBASSY LEARNED THAT HE INTENDED TO MAKE COPIES OF THE MESSAGES AVAILABLE TO ALL THE BISHOPS, RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS AND "FOREIGN PRESS" IN THE PHILIPPINES. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT FOLLOWING THI'S ARREST, THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES -- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- QUESTIONED THE PHILIPPINES' SUPPORT OF KOREAN ENTRY INTO THE UN. SULLIVAN

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